

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant requests consideration of  $\boxtimes$  the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or  $\square$  the additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A copy of each of the references listed on the Form PTO-1449 were previously submitted to or cited by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in U.S. Application Serial No. 09/421,968, to which the captioned application is seeking priority under 35 U.S.C. §120.

- 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:
  - a. within 3 months of the filing date of the above identified application, or within 3 months of entry into National stage prosecution of an International application, or before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, and thus no certification and/or fee is required.
  - b. after the events of above paragraph 1a and prior to the mailing date of a

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E THE TH	ADEMARK		the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, or a fee of \$240.00 is enclosed.	
	c.		after the mailing date of a final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance and prior to payment of the issue fee, and thus:	
			the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, and a Petition and fee of \$130.00 are enclosed.	
2.	It is he	is hereby certified:		
		was ci	ach item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement ted in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign ation not more than three months prior to the filing of the Statement, or	
		was ci applic makin	o item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement ted in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign ation or, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after g reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in § 1.56 (c) than three months prior to the filing of the Statement.	
3.			deration of the following additional information (including any co-pending ndoned U.S. applications, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested:	
4.	For ea	For each non-English language reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449:		
		refere	nce is made to an English language translation submitted herewith, and/or	
			nce is made to a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) tted herewith, and/or	
			nce is made to an English language translation of a foreign patent office report submitted herewith, and/or	
			nce is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the application at page(s), and/or	
		refere	nce is made to the concise explanation set forth below:	
5.		Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:		
6.		Also e	enclosed is a copy of a foreign search report citing these references.	



The listed documents were brought to the attention of the Applicant(s) after payment of the issue fee in the captioned case. The documents were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant(s) request this Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 be placed in the file of the captioned application.

8. Applicant(s) request that the Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 and references, which are being filed before the grant of the patent and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i), be placed in the file of the captioned application.

If any required fees are missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Conley, Rose & Tayon, P.C. Deposit Account No. 03-2769/5143-01702/JCH.

Respectfully submitted,

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